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ST ANDREW & ST BONIFACE

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Fr Tubbs writes .....



It is with great sadness that I have to tell you that at the time of writing Fr Mike is again off sick. At the moment we have no idea when he is likely to be returning to work. Fr Paul's last Sunday in the parish will be November 12. From that point on I shall, once again, be on my own in a parish of 20,400 souls, and with three churches to look after.

Everyone agrees that this is unacceptable; that no one person

can maintain the present regime of Masses and other services entirely on their own. I very much hope that Fr John Lee will continue to help us as he has done in the past – but that still won't answer the Sunday problem, leave alone the rest of the week.

It has been suggested that the three lay Readers will be able to help out in various ways, and particularly in giving communion from the Reserved Sacrament. Like the vast majority of churches in the Church of England today, each of our three churches has, in a strong metal safe, some of the bread which has been consecrated at a Mass and which is used to take communion to the sick; to patients in Paignton Hospital, to the various nursing homes and private homes in the parish. The person who does this is licensed by the Bishop, takes the Sacrament from the church and leads a very brief service in the home or at the bedside, a service which contains an invitation to confession, a confession, either an absolution if the service is led by a priest or a prayer for forgiveness if taken by a lay person, the Collect for the day, perhaps a reading from the Bible, the Lord's Prayer, the giving of communion (in one kind only), a prayer of thanksgiving and either a blessing by a priest or a prayer by a lay person.

So, it is argued, what is the difference between this method of giving communion, and a lay person taking the service on a Sunday morning and giving communion from the Reserved Sacrament? Here is an easy answer to our problem of having three churches and only one priest.

However, there are serious problems with this apparent solution. First of all it could easily result in a confusion of roles and identities. The Church of England, together with the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Churches, insist that the celebration of Holy Communion may only be taken by someone who has been episcopally ordained, either as a priest or as a bishop. To have a lay person, whom we dress up to look quite a lot like a priest, taking the service, and to all intents and purposes doing the same thing as a priest will simply cause confusion. Those in the know will fully realise that this person is not doing the same thing as a priest; but there are many whose ignorance of the doctrines of the Church of England is such that they may well think that a lay person is celebrating the Eucharist.

Secondly, such a service – the whole of the Communion Service led by a lay person, omitting only the Eucharistic Prayer - gives the impression that the reason we go to church is to receive holy communion. We go in order to *get* something. Our reason for going is a selfish and self-centred one. But the Eucharist doesn't just provide the consecrated bread and wine which has become the Body and Blood of Jesus. First of all, we offer to the Father that bread and wine. The priest then blesses it, not by making the sign of the cross over it, which is how he usually blesses something, but by reciting the 'dominical words' – saying what Jesus said at the Last Supper. Then, with Our Lord truly present on the altar, the priest offers to the Father that full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world (Book of Common Prayer 1662). The words differ in each of the Eucharistic Prayers; one of the most familiar, because it comes from the BCP, 'we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice and praise and thanksgiving'. We have not come just to get something out of the service, however holy our communion is to us. We have come to *do* something, to offer to God the sacrifice of Calvary for the Church, for the world and for every single human need.

This, of course, is not something new. Members of the Church of England have known this for a long time. It is summed up so simply in the words of a hymn familiar to all of us who have any history of worship in a Church of England church. It was written by William Bright, Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Oxford from 1868 until his death in 1901.

And now, O Father, mindful of the love  
that bought us once for all on Calvary's tree  
And having with us him that pleads above,  
we here present, we here spread forth to thee  
that only Offering perfect in thy sight,  
the one, true, pure immortal Sacrifice.  
*W Bright 1824-1901*

See the other verses, especially v 2.

So we shall not be using what the Church of England calls 'communion by extension' except in a real emergency. We shall not be applying to the Bishop for permission – which is what we need to do if we want to go down that road.

The basis of my spiritual life is the daily Eucharist. It is also the case that for many, many people worship at the Eucharist during the week, once or twice or even more times in addition to our Sunday duty, is the bedrock of their spiritual relationship with God. It is for this reason that I am so reluctant to cancel services, especially at S Andrew's and S Boniface. However, we shall also need to cancel some services when Fr Paul has gone. It just is not possible for one man to take all the Masses in the parish, and we can't afford to pay a priest to come in at £20 per service. Unfortunately while we may work out a pattern, we may still have to work from week to week, and you will all need to consult the weekly news sheet. For instance, I am suggesting that we continue to have a celebration of the Eucharist at S Boniface on a Tuesday morning and cancel the one of Wednesday evening; but on Tuesday

21 November I cannot do that time, and on two other Tuesdays I have an assembly at a school of 9.00am, which means I shall be late – though not a lot – for the 9.30am service.

So my suggestion is this:

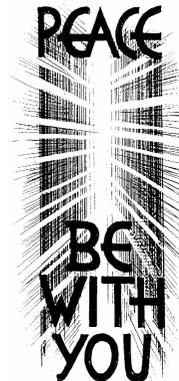
Tuesday at S Boniface remains at 9.30am  
Tuesday at S Andrew's at 7.00pm is cancelled  
Wednesday at S Andrew's remains at 11.00am  
Wednesday at S Boniface is cancelled.

Please continue to pray for Fr Mike and for a speedy return to work; and pray that the cancellations suggested above may only be temporary. In the meantime it is pretty obvious that we are more likely to have to cancel services with small numbers than services with large numbers – so start to support the weekday Mass in your church!

Yours sincerely



## ST ANDREW'S



The workshop on 8 October at S Andrew's was interesting. There were a number of S Andrew's people there, which was good to see, but the longer the meeting went on the more obvious it became that there are real problems at S Andrew's. No one was prepared to say what the major problem was, and so there was no way to resolve it. As the meeting went on it became obvious to me that the chances of S Andrew's surviving are pretty remote. There seems no will to work together; some members of the congregation won't talk to others; some

have already left, others have already announced their decision to do so when Fr Paul leaves. Only one person from S Andrew's turned up for the TAP into Faith Making Connections 2 day, despite the fact that this is what S Andrew's desperately needs to do – make connections, evangelise, visit, encourage and invite.

We have a Committee Meeting on 1 November, at which we shall talk more about S Andrew's future. Please pray that we may be guided to know what to do about this situation in the near future.

**BRT**

## ST BONIFACE

The people of S Boniface are desperately sad that Fr Mike is ill once again, and they are praying for him like mad! Unfortunately, though Anne Jackson and Sue Willcocks and many others work hard to keep things going, they miss Fr Mike as their priest, their encourager, their guide and their leader. Mission, work with young people, building up the congregation, are all rather on hold at the moment. Please join with the people of S Boniface in praying for Fr Mike and for his family.

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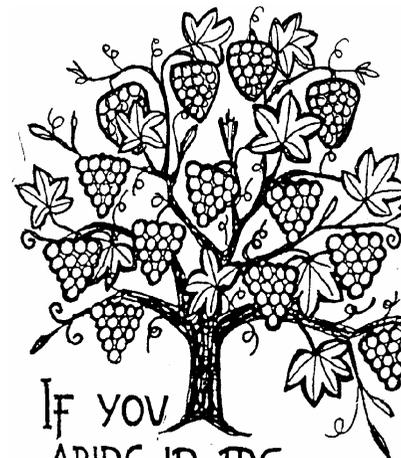
## YELLOW MOON CATALOGUES

Thank you to everyone who bought items from the Spring/Summer Yellow Moon catalogue and raised £15.07 towards the building of the new church hall.

The Christmas catalogues are now at the back of the church so please take one and if possible continue to help us raise funds by purchasing items. Thank you for your support.

*Evening Mothers' Union*

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



We are extremely grateful to Fr Mark Bate for coming to us to speak at the Parish Church at 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am, and then the following week to celebrate and speak at S Boniface at 10.00am, and then to rush down to S Andrew's in order to speak at the end of the Mass there.

The results are now being collated by Ann Howard; thanks to everyone who has returned their response form already. If you haven't returned the form you should get a phone call, from, your PCC link at the Parish

Church, or from one of the church wardens at S Boniface or S Andrew's, who will just be checking whether you want to return the form, whether you have just forgotten or not had time, or whether you do not want to belong to our stewardship scheme. They will be ringing you in Christian love; please respond in a similar way, whatever your decision.

I have spoken with the Archdeacon about our financial situation, with which he sympathises, and we shall be seeing whether there is any way that we can save some money, at least to get us into the black again. In the mean time I hope you are praying about Fr Bate's suggestion that you should give each week or each month a proportion of your 'take-home pay' – if you remember, he suggested one fifth. If each one of us gave realistically, our financial problems wouldn't exist – except what to do with the money! – and spiritually we should all be very much healthier!

**BRT**

## JUNIOR HOUSE GROUP

This group has decided to meet once a fortnight. It is for young people of senior school age, and we have been following the junior Alpha course – though I have to say it takes some tinkering with to produce a satisfactory course for young people. At our first meeting we had five young people, at our second had eight. The pizza and coke might be an extra attraction! We are very grateful to Rachel Dimeck for allowing us to meet at her house and for cooking the pizzas for us!

Eight young people also attended an all-night vigil in the Parish Church on the Monday in half term week. We began the evening at 9.00pm with – guess what! – pizzas and coke in the church hall; then we went to the church and played our own favourite music track, listened to the favourite tracks of others and voted on which we liked the best. We played some silly and some serious games, and watched the video Grease. We had a midnight feast then went and said our prayers in the Kirkham Chapel, lighting a candle each and both thanking God for people and praying for them. At 4.20am, despite the weather, we went for a walk around Paignton, and some time after 5.00am we began to watch the musical Jesus Christ Superstar. This was when Kathy Mosedale and I watched them – one by one – fall asleep! We woke at 7.15am, got ready for Mass and then joined the usual congregation in the Kirkham Chapel at 8.00am. Finally we walked to Tesco to buy our breakfast and then went back to the hall to have – no, not pizza and coke, but fruit pies, fruit cake slices swiss rolls, Battenberg cake and toasted tea-cakes (They chose their own!) I suspect they all slept very well that night – and perhaps did so even during the day!

My thanks to Kathy Mosedale for devotion far beyond the call of duty in helping with the event!

**BRT**



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## TAP INTO FAITH'S COURSE: Why You Shouldn't Be A Christian!

The course ran at Babbacombe last month, and is now to run in Paignton at the Parish Church. At last I've got the dates right!

The titles of the four sessions are:

- Oct 30 **Jesus, Buddha and Mohammed are all the same**  
Fr Simon Wakely, Parish Priest, Babbacombe
- Nov 6 **Science has disproved the Bible**  
To be arranged
- 13 **A good God wouldn't allow suffering**  
Fr Brian Tubbs, Vicar of Paignton
- 20 **Religions Cause War**  
Bishop David Silk, formerly Bishop of Ballarat

The timetable for the evenings will be as follows:

- 7.30pm Presentation
- 8.15pm Coffee
- 8.30pm Open Forum for questions, discussion and debate
- 9.00pm Finish

I hope that you will support this venture. We shall need help with the coffee-making; volunteers please sign the list in one of our churches

**BRT**



Congratulations to James and Jo Piper on the birth of their third daughter, Melissa Rose. And congratulations to Ginny and Neil on becoming grandparents for the fourth time.

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By popular request we have a return visit of:

# Spectrum Concert Windband

in The Parish Church  
on Friday 10 November 2006

at 7.30pm

Tickets £4.00 (including  
refreshment)  
available now

A fun evening with a variety of popular music from film themes to Big Band classics, so please support this event as the Band is providing their services at minimal cost and all proceeds are for the Church funds.



## CHRISTMASS BONANZA

Many people have expressed concern at the fact that I am left running the parish entirely on my own. Yet no one has come forward to run the Christmass Bonanza, so I am trying to make sure that it takes place again this year and raises money which we desperately need for our three churches' funds.

It is a little short notice if you only pick the date up from here, but on Wednesday 1 November there is to be a Bonanza Meeting at S Boniface at 7.45pm. This will follow the Eucharist for All Saints' Day at 7.00pm, so here is an opportunity to fulfil your obligation to be at Mass on All Saints' Day and also attend this important meeting.

If you helped in any way last year; if you would like to help this year; if you think you have anything you can contribute to this major fund-raising exercise, please come along. In addition to stall-holders we need tea ladies, poster deliverers, publicity agents, raffle ticket sellers furniture removers on the day.

Until we get our giving sorted out we shall still need these fund-raising occasions. What could you do? Could you make something and raffle it? Could you hold a wine and cheese party, or a coffee morning, or a cake-tasting tea party, or a skittles evening, or a guess-the-vicar's-weight competition, or a cake stall or a book stall? If you could do any of these, that would be wonderful. If you want the Vicar to be there to support the event and to publicise it – 'Come and meet the Vicar!' just let me know!

**BRT**

# help wanted

## MOTHERS' UNION

Three members attended the Plymouth and Totnes Archdeaonries Celebration Service at St Luke's Church, Buckfastleigh. Our World Wide President, Trish Heywood, gave the address. Before the service we all enjoyed the fellowship of a bring and share lunch during which Trish 'circulated' and spoke to everyone. The previous evening she had attended a reception at the house of Marigold Seager-Berry (MU representative at the UN) and had been inspired by her meeting with the members of our Evening MU.

Your prayers are asked for 400 women who have been admitted to the Mothers' union in the war torn city of Baghdad.

We were recently represented at the Winner Street Baptist Women's Rally and tea.

Members are invited to a bring and share lunch at South Brent on Thursday 16 November at 12 noon. At the meeting after lunch Trisha Stokes will be the speaker.

Corporate Communion: Wednesday 1 November.

*Susan O'Brien*

## WIVES' GROUP

At our last registration meeting on 25 September 39 ladies were enrolled as members of the group, including several new members. Welcome to you.

Alan Salsbury, a retired police officer, gave us some interesting insights into the workings of the police force, and some fascinating historical facts, including the Torquay bread riots.

Diary Dates:

On Monday 27 November, the manager from Lloyd Maunder's will speak to us about meat and poultry preparation. There will also be the opportunity to buy raffle tickets for the meat and poultry.

On Saturday 18 November, we shall have our usual gift stall at the Christmass Bonanza. Please start to bring gift items, and either leave them at the back of the church, marked "Wives' Group" or give them to me at the services on Friday or Sunday mornings. Many thanks to you who have already given us items for the stall.

Finally, our Christmass evening in aid of Mayfield School takes place on Monday 11 December at 7.00pm. Please support this generously. Tickets will be on sale next month.

*Audrey Smith*

## THE ARTHUR DAY COLUMN

Most of us feel that the "junk mail" which we receive is a nuisance. But we have one consolation which our forbears two centuries ago didn't have. It is paid for by the sender. It seems that, in those days, the postage was paid by the recipient. Of course, a large proportion of the population then were illiterate, and few of the ordinary people probably ever wrote a letter or received one – and couldn't have read it if they got one.



The Churchwarden's Accounts of our Parish Church contain a few instances of how the postal service functioned in those days. Thus, in

1787, our parish paid “for two letters from London”.

An entry in 1781 recalls one of the most grotesque events in English history. “Pd. Postage of a letter from ye Bishop about ye Papists. Pd. Postage of a form of prayer for ye Papists”.

In 1778 Parliament passed an Act removing some of the restrictions which had hitherto been placed on Roman Catholics. Apparently, people in England were quite happy about this. But it seems that it was not quite pleasing to the Scots. A Lord George Gordon, son of a Duke, presented a petition to the Government for the repeal of the Act. This was unsuccessful, so Lord George Gordon – who seems to have been both fanatical and mentally unbalanced – assembled a mob in St George’s Fields in London. Then began a week of absolute chaos during which, in what became known as the “Gordon Riots”, Roman Catholic chapels in London were damaged and destroyed, houses occupied by unpopular people were looted, set on fire and destroyed – this went on for about a week. (One only had to recall the vandalism that occurs now to realise that there are people who get a perverted enjoyment from vandalising property.) Oddly enough, both Parliament and the Magistrates showed a disinclination to take any action, and it was left to the King, George III, to call out the troops and get order restored. It is a bad reflection on the mentality of the times that, while twenty-one of the rioters were publicly executed, the originator of the rioting, Lord George Gordon, only served a sentence of imprisonment – Charles Dickens, in his novel about these events, ‘Barnaby Rudge’, comments how the persons who were put to death were people of lowly social standing (among them a boy of eleven). I remember, many years ago, commenting to a literary expert on what I considered were some weaknesses of that novel, and receiving the reply “Don’t tell anybody – but ‘Barnaby Rudge’ is a very bad novel” and he went on to express the view that if it had been written by anybody other than Charles Dickens it probably would not have survived!

One wonders what the tone was of the “Form of Prayer for ye Papists”. Was it purely a thanksgiving for the quelling of the rioting? Or did it express penitence for the damage and destruction to the places of worship of our fellow-Christians? Whether any copies have survived – perhaps in some museum or records’ office – I do not know. But our

Paignton churchwarden – who possibly wasn’t particularly good at expressing himself on paper – probably quite accidentally hinted at what all Christians should have been doing at that time when he described it as a “Form of Prayer for ye Papists” – it should have been an act of prayer for their fellow-Christians who had suffered the most outrageous vandalism to their places of worship. Our long-dead churchwarden, without realising it, had expressed a very credible and charitable ecumenical sentiment.

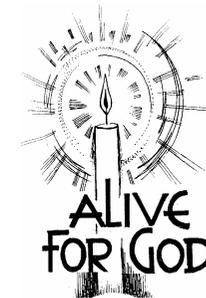
### *Arthur Day*

## PARI SH REGISTERS

Baptisms:	15.10.06	Anya Lucy Scott	
		Xander Paul Scott	
	22.10.06	Kyle Joshua Coombs	
		Joshua Thomas Gregory	
Funerals:	2.10.06	Ernst Albert Johnson	90
	3.10.06	Gladys Beatrice Jenner	91
	4.10.06	Richard Maurice Weston	37
	4.10.06	Doreen Warrington	94
	31.10.06	William Ernest Vaughan	93

**Fr Phillip Berrow** was a retired priest who came to live amongst us here in Paignton three years ago. His health was such that he was never able to do public duty, though he did pray for us regularly. He was a gentle, unassuming man, and we became friends almost as soon as we met for the first time. His sudden death came as a sadness not only to Ann his wife and Andrew and Julian his sons, but to all who had known him and loved him. We pray for his soul and offer our sympathy to Ann and her family.

**Ernie Vaughan** was though he too was not to know him. He had but his death came



another lovely man, well when I began to get been ill for some time, suddenly at the end. We

pray for his soul and offer our sympathy to his wife.

## DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

1	Wed	10.00am 2.00pm 7.45pm	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion S Andrew's Committee Meeting Bonanza Meeting: S Boniface
2	Thu	11.00am 11.00am 7.00pm	Mass: Parish Church Mass: S Andrew's Mass S Boniface
3	Fri	7.00pm	Prayers around the Cross
4	Sat	10.30am	Forward in Faith Autumn Assembly: Bovey
5	Sun	6.00pm	Evensong and Benediction : Parish Church
6	Mon	7.30pm	TAP into Faith Talk 2: Parish Church
7	Tue	8.00pm	Baptism Preparation: Parish Church
8	Wed	2.00pm	Hall Committee meeting
9	Thu	5.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion: Parish Church Deanery Synod: Chelston Evening Mothers' Union
10	Fri	7.30pm	Spectrum Concert Windband: Parish Church
11	Sat	11.00am 2.00pm	Remembrance Service: Cenotaph Readers Meeting at S Andrew's
12	Sun	3.00pm 6.00pm	Remembrance Sunday Service: Parish Church Evening Worship: S Boniface
13	Mon	7.30pm	TAP into Faith Talk 3: Parish Church
14	Tue	6.30pm	Junior House Group
15	Wed	7.30pm	Paignton Charities: Gallery
16	Thu	9.00am	Magazine material to Vicarage please

18	Sat	11.00am	Christmass Bonanza: S Andrew's
19	Sun	6.00pm	Memorial Service: Parish Church
20	Mon	7.30pm	TAP into Faith Talk 4: Parish Church
21	Tue	7.30pm	Planning Meeting: S Andrew's ( <b>note date change</b> )
22	Wed	8.00pm	Standing Committee: Vicarage Meeting Room
26	Sun	2.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Baptism: Parish Church Evensong & Benediction: S Andrew's
28	Tue	6.30pm	Junior House Group
30	Thu	7.00pm	Sung Mass: S Andrew's

## INTERCESSIONS FOR NOVEMBER

1	Wed	<b>ALL SAINTS' DAY</b>	Thanksgiving for the saints
2	Thu	<b>All Souls' Day</b>	The Faithful Departed
3	Fri	S Martin de Porres	Inter-racial justice and harmony
4	Sat	S Charles Borromeo B	Forward in Faith
5	Sun	<b>ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY</b>	Thanksgiving for the saints' intercession
6	Mon	Feria	TAP into Faith's course
7	Tue	Feria	Those asking for baptism
8	Wed	<b>The Saints of England</b>	Thanksgiving for our national saints
9	Thu	Feria	Bishop John Richards RIP
10	Fri	S Leo the Great B Dr	Pope Benedict XVI
11	Sat	S Martin of Tours	The parish of Barton
12	Sun	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT</b>	Remembrance Services
13	Mon	Feria	TAP into Faith's course
14	Tue	Feria	Our Junior House Group
15	Wed	Feria	The Poor
16	Thu	S Margaret of Scotland	The Church in Scotland
17	Fri	S Hugh B	Our Schools
18	Sat	S Elizabeth of Hungary	Our Christmass Bonanza
19	Sun	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> BEFORE ADVENT</b>	Our Memorial Service
20	Mon	S Edmund M	Christian rulers
21	Tue	Presentation of the BVM	Our Cathedral Church

22	Wed	S Cecilia M	Our organist and choir
23	Thu	S Clement BM	Paignton Hospital
24	Fri	S Andrew Dung Lac M	The People of Vietnam
25	Sat	Of Our Lady	Walsingham
26	Sun	<b>CHRIST THE KING</b>	The coming of Christ's kingdom
27	Mon	Feria	The Faithful Departed
28	Tue	Feria	Our Churchwardens
29	Wed	Feria	Outreach in the Parish
30	Thu	<b>S ANDREW A</b>	The People of S Andrew's